



QTIP Participation Agreement

SCOPE:

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Service (SC DHHS), in partnership with the South Carolina Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (SC AAP), is continuing to operate an ongoing pediatric quality improvement initiative. QTIP is administered with the goal of improving the quality of children's health care in South Carolina. To accomplish this goal, QTIP works with pediatric practices to:

- 1) Implement a physician lead peer-to-peer quality improvement network;
- 2) Introduce and work with select children's core measures;
- 3) Provide the skills and resources for practices to improve mental health outcomes by working with practices on incorporating mental health screening and services within their offices

By electing to participate in this project, QTIP asks for a good faith commitment of participation from your practice's quality improvement team and leadership/administration. Below are the lists of benefits and requirements for continued participation. QTIP staff reserves the right to adjust your practices' designated level if stated requirements are not met.

Tier 1 – Active Participant

Best fit for practices are actively participating who have been with QTIP and for new practices.

Benefits:

- 3 rooms paid for at each Learning Collaborative session for practice QI team members
- Free registration for each Learning Collaborative session
- Up to 2 site visits per year from QTIP Quality Improvement and Mental Health staff. This can include:
 - 1 regional visit and 1 site visit
 - For new practices, two site visits will be conducted. QTIP Medical Director will participate in the visits. New practices will also be offered regional visits.
 - Additional site visits can be scheduled depending on needs of practice
- Full access QTIP resources (Dr. Khetpal, QI, mental health, QTIP blog)
- Monthly QTIP calls
- Free registration to workshops and other learning opportunities sponsored by QTIP
- American Board of Pediatrics Part 4 Maintenance of Certification (ABP MOC) credit for the select quality improvement (QI) initiatives associated with this project. All pediatricians in a QTIP practice who meet criteria for MOC Part 4 qualify for credit if they are involved in the QI project.
- Support for NCQA PCMH certification requirements focused on QI activities in the practice
- Assistance with improving health outcomes, promoting cost efficiency and identifying payment mechanisms for new services

Requirements:

- Practices must establish/maintain a quality improvement team. Team composition should include: least lead physician, lead nurse, and administrative staff.
- At least two QTIP team members are expected to be present for the duration of both learning collaborative sessions (attendance of full team is optimal).
- Actively participate in quality improvement initiatives. The practice should maintain documentation of the QI project/activities.
- Data entry into QIDA every month on selected topic areas
- Must participate in at least 1 site visit a year and/or attend 1 regional visit per year. (Both are optional)
- Actively participate with all surveys sent by QTIP staff



(Tier 1 continued)

- Lead physician from 2011 practices are encouraged to act as clinical lead regional or peer site visits. (at least 1 per year)
- Effective January 2019, provide a signed participation agreement. For existing participating practices a 1 year commitment is required. New practices require a 2 year commitment.

Failure to meet requirements can result in a transition to Tier 2.

Tier 2

This is for practices that feel like they have implemented a functioning QI team that no longer needs the support of the QTIP team or those practices who require a break from QTIP activities/requirements. Practices can apply for active participation status after 1 year.

Benefits still available:

- May attend summer and winter learning collaboratives at the practice’s expense.
- May attend regional site visits
- Access to QTIP QI foci through presentations at SC AAP Annual meeting and SC CATCH annual meeting
- May participate in monthly QTIP calls
- Technical assistance from QTIP staff as desired by the practice assuming staff availability
- Practices will still have access to QTIP staff when they have a need for technical assistance for ABP MOC Part 4 credit (must be member of AAP).

Tier selected for 2019

Practice Name

Practice Signature

Date

QTIP signature

Date